

Board of Commissioners  
June 24, 2008 – 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Weed & Building Complaint

Teresa Ambrose of Hatfield presented the commissioners with a letter signed by 30 residents with concerns about abandoned houses, over grown weeds, trash, and abandoned cars in their neighborhood on the northwest side of Hatfield. She had pictures of the major problems and expressed her concern for the health of the residents and the danger it poses to the children.

Rininger stated that the commissioners will have the county building inspector contact her and he will inspect the buildings and report back to the board.

Legal Report

Time Warner Cable Contract – Lueken discussed a resolution the county received from Time Warner Cable. The commissioners were given copies and the issue will be revisited at a later meeting.

Bid Opening for an Unincorporated Road Near Rockport

Engineer Lloyd stated that the engineer’s estimate is \$128,997. The work to be done is approximately 3,100 feet long at varying widths and depths. Lueken opened and read the bids as follows:

Metzger	\$118,236.00
Gohmann Asphalt	\$130,951.00
JH Rudolph	\$119,000.00
E & B Paving	\$109,980.00

Rininger asked if there were any comments from the public. No response.

After a brief review of the bids submitted Lloyd recommended acceptance of the low bid submitted by E & B Paving. Gogel made a motion to award the contract to E & B Paving. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Richland Incorporation

Rininger complimented the presentation at the Richland Incorporation Hearing and the civility of all those in attendance. He then asked if there were any additional comments. No response. Gogel commended the community for trying to improve the area. He is in favor of giving them a chance. He stated that of the property owners that signed a petition, 62.4 percent were in favor of incorporation. Logsdon read a statement summarizing the requirements for incorporation and how the town met the requirements. He stated that the numbers indicate the majority of the landowners in the town are in favor of incorporation. He expressed concern in the amount of money budgeted for street maintenance and police protection and the lack of money budgeted for utility expenses. He concluded by stating that he is convinced that it is in the best interest of the residents of Richland that the process of incorporation be continued.

Ed Ingram, a resident of Richland, stated that he thought that a “substantial majority” meant at least half of the people should have signed in favor. Lueken explained that the signed statements were a suggestion of the plan commission and not a requirement. He said it is up to the commissioners to determine if the requirement has been met, because you cannot force people to participate by signing for or against.

At 9:35 am, Logsdon made a motion to approve the petition for incorporation for the Town of Richland. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Voter Registration Clerk John Rudisill stated that anyone who would like to have their name on the ballot in the fall for the town council or the clerk-treasurer, needs to file by Monday June 30 at noon. If they want to be considered for a write-in campaign they have until July 3rd.

Gogel made a motion to direct the county election board to conduct an election in the town on the date of the next general or municipal election to be held. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon made a motion for the Richland Town Council to be made up of five (5) people and all will be elected at-large. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Discussion was had on if the clerk-treasurer position could be appointed or if it had to be an elected position. After further research, Lueken stated that the Indiana Code states that the clerk-treasurer position must be an elected position.

#### SIHO

Caroline Beck and Mary Beth Hurst, of SIHO, and Agent Pete Franzman discussed the re-insurance proposals they received for the health insurance renewal. They recommended staying with the current provider for re-insurance which increased approximately 3% with an increase in administrative costs of approximately 4%. He also recommended moving the prescription plan from PharmaCare to Caremark. Franzman encouraged the commissioners to sign the renewal as soon as possible before something happens that could change the rates.

#### Highway Report

Budget - Superintendent Painter gave the commissioners copies of the budget he will be turning in for 2009. He pointed out that he is not planning to replace the two men he lost this year, but one may need to be added later. Painter stated that he is concerned about the price of fuel and rock.

Bridge Replacement – Painter stated that there are two bridges he would like to replace. One on CR 500 N, just west of Orchard Road; he would like to raise it up to the level of the road. The second one is bridge #296 on CR 250 W, between CR 700 N and CR 600 N.

#### Engineer Report

Highland Road – Engineer Lloyd reminded the commissioners that a decision needs to be made on whether to pave Highland Road as is or widen it.

Orchard Road – Lloyd reported that the Orchard Road project is scheduled for a bid opening at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### WTH

Grant - Rex Jones, CEO of WTH, spoke to the commissioners about a grant from Homeland Security for Web Feature Services. The grant is for \$17,500 to pay set up costs of putting the GIS information for the county on the internet. After the set up, if the county wants to make GIS information available to the public through the county website, there would be a hosting fee of \$300 per month. Arnold stated that making the information available on the website would save her office time looking up and faxing the information to realtors and others several times a day. She also said that her fees would be taken out of the reassessment account. Jones stated that the county would have control over what information would be made available over the internet.

Aerial Photography – Jones and Assessor Arnold discussed the need for new aerial photography for the GIS. The cost would be approximately \$39,700. Arnold stated that it would help with reassessment which is to begin in July of 2009. EMA Director Perdue stated that an updated photography would help with dispatch of emergency personnel. The current photography was taken in 2005. Jones stated it would be flown in the spring of 2009.

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Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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